

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 1:6.

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THE LORD'S CHURCH WILL WIN IN SPITE OF ALL OPPOSITIONS!

Everybody Should Give a Tenth of Their Income to The Lord!

THE CHURCH OF GOD

By Honoring The Church we Honor its Divine Founder.

JESUS AND PAUL NAMED IT. WHO HAS A RIGHT TO OBJECT TO IT.

The conflict is now on. The great forces of right and wrong are in lively combat. We know which side will win, but the wrong claims every inch of the ground and the only way right can prevail is by a lively and continuous struggle. Not only shall the right be on the defensive, but she shall wage a mighty offensive warfare.

There is but little said or written about the Lord's Church in these days except by a few humble followers of the lowly Nazarene. But these few can be numbered by the thousands when they are all put together. But when there are so few in comparison with the millions of earth's inhabitants I do not see how there can be too much said on the subject.

It seems to amaze many to hear both men and women speaking in honor of this great institution. In our meetings it is very common to hear the people praise God for the great Church of God the same as for salvation. Of course those who object to this do not really know what the Church is. If they knew it as it is they would love it like we do.

The Church of God is Christ's own building. It is wrong to suppose some man is its founder. Jesus plainly told the disciples that He would build His Church and I believe what the disciples said about it. And nobody has any right to dispute their word. I fully believe that Christ did just what He said He would do.

There is a beauty and power about the Church of God that are not about other churches. Jesus said of His Church, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." No doubt Jesus said this because He knew it would have strong opposition. But to encourage its members He said it would hold to its anchor and not be overthrown.

True, it has been beaten down and bruised and forsaken, but not entirely overthrown. It is strong now and full of glory and power. It is still holding steady and battling against sin with a strong hand. And while the enemy rages the church still shines and looks good to those that have eyes to see it.

Some people seem to think that we talk about the church too much, but how can we talk about such a good thing too much? By honoring the church we honor its Divine Founder, Jesus Christ. He built it, and anything He would build is surely worth talking about.

There are many people standing off to one side offering criticism, but anybody can do that. It does not take a smart man to offer criticism and object to things they cannot see and understand. I was recently told of an editor who once said that there are plenty of people that know just how to run a paper. They say certain things should not be in it, and certain other things

should take the place, but the strange thing to him was that all those people that knew how to run a paper had no paper to run, and did not seem to be wanted for the work, and the responsibility was put upon a man that did not know.

As for me I believe that Jesus knew what He was doing when He built His Church. I believe He knew just what name to give it. I do not think any name could have been found more appropriate. If there could have been I believe He would have found it and used it. But, no sir, He said, "I will build my Church." The expression would indicate that others were engaged in building churches, or would do so later on, so He wanted it distinctly understood that He would build His own Church, and that no other would be allowed to do it. Others might build churches, but they could not build His Church. He would do that Himself. And this He did.

Some seem to think that we had a hand in establishing the Church of God represented by the Evangel. But this is a mistake. We have only been assisting in removing the covering that was put upon it when the first creed was formed in the year 325. It was "snowed under" with creeds. It was covered over with men's laws and ways like a city covered over with ashes from the mouth of a belching volcano. Underneath is the city just like it was. The city of Pompeii lay buried under the cinders, ashes and volcanic stones that belched forth from the great Vesuvius, for nearly seventeen centuries. So completely was the unfortunate city buried under this overwhelming mass that its very site was forgotten. It was not till 1748 that an accidental discovery drew attention to its remains, and revealed the fact that beneath the vineyards and mulberry grounds which covered the site there lay entombed the ruins of a city, far more accessible, if not more interesting, than another that had previously been discovered.

In the year 1775 systematic excavations on the site were begun. As this work continued it revealed the fact that there beneath eighteen and twenty feet of mixed material was a beautiful city with streets laid off in regular order and a huge wall with towers and gates around it. As the excavations have continued the buildings and writings are found and writers have been able to give a good description of the entire city. Once a flourishing beautiful city on top of the ground, then buried and remained covered for seventeen centuries, now uncovered so that it can be seen and occupied again.

This is similar to the Church of God. It was once beautiful and flourishing, and a refuge and a blessing to thousands. Then it was covered over and remained

hidden until its very site and laws were forgotten. But it has been discovered and on digging down it is found to be the very same Church that was built by our Lord. We do not build. We do not institute laws to govern it. It is already built. We only have to uncover. We only have to throw off the creeds and unbelief that have held it in darkness for about sixteen centuries.

There it is with the same laws, the same Holy Ghost, the same sanctified life of its members, the same sacredness, the same healings, the same miracles, the same offices, the same power, the same glory, and everything preserved and without decay. It has kept well. But it cannot be kept buried any longer. It is time for it to show to the world again. Like Pompeii it has been unearthed, and the more of it that is uncovered, the more beautiful and regular in form it appears.

No special surprise about Pompeii being discovered and uncovered. No body says of it that they are building a new city. No, for it is plain to be seen they are only uncovering an old one. But when the Church of God is being uncovered they begin to say at once that they are building a "new church." But we know we are not building a new one. The gates of hell have not prevailed against the Lord's Church that He built any more than Vesuvius prevailed against the great city of Pompeii. Pompeii is out again. Its streets that were paved are traveled again. Many of its buildings are still in fair condition. Its former inhabitants are gone, but the city itself is still there. Peter and James, and John and Paul are gone, but their writings and instructions are preserved, and the same form of government and everything pertaining to the building (church) itself is sound and solid, just like it was when it was covered up centuries ago.

Books and books have been written about Pompeii, then why is their anything wrong in writing books and books about the great Church of God that is of far more importance than a million cities like Pompeii? Indeed there can be nothing wrong in it, and we expect to write and talk about it all we want to. It honors Jesus for us to do it. God honors the messages that are delivered about it by pouring out His Spirit upon the messengers and hearers.

The Church, "My Church," the Church of God! Jesus and Paul named it, and who has a right to object to it? We have nothing more to do with naming it than we had in building it at the first. We only accept the name given by them. Paul said he received what knowledge about it he got by revelation, and he said he followed Christ, and he hands it down to us as the Church of God and we do not expect to change it for anybody's whims or criticisms. We are going to let it remain just like it is—just like we found it except we are trying to clear off the filth and rubbish that was piled upon it by men who took the reins into their own hands and drove recklessly over it and dumped and

belched and vomited as they went.

Vesuvius could not have belched more filth upon the beautiful city of Pompeii than was wantonly smeared upon the beautiful face of the body of Christ. And this has continued for years, but it shall proceed no further. Jesus Christ will not submit to it any longer. He is going to take care of His own. The building has been preserved, but is now being uncovered and people are now flocking to her. They see in this beautiful form just what their hearts have been craving. A letter today (I am now writing late at night) stated that the writer saw in Church of God just what he believes is right. He said that the church of which he was a member had no beautiful tithing system, and the government was almost nothing. He wants to come to the Church of God. He sees we have system and order. He sees that God is placing His glory upon it as He does not upon other organizations.

The Church of God! Hallelujah! People sometimes talk of establishing the "real Church of God." Let them try it if they want to. They will meet with defeat like hundreds of others have done. His Church is already established, and has been for nineteen centuries, and never has been overthrown. Hallelujah! No, it never has been overthrown! And it never will be overthrown! It was covered up, like Pompeii, as we stated above, but not overthrown. The words of Jesus cannot be broken and he said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18.) That is good enough for me. I'm fearless and bold. I'm not afraid.

When Nehemiah was rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem his enemies tried to weaken his hands by every means they could possibly invent. They tried to scare him, they tried to fight against him, they tried to get him to make a league with them and let them have a part in it, they tried to call him off down into the city of Ono, and at last when everything else failed they got a certain man to be a particular friend of Nehemiah to persuade him to flee into the temple with him and shut themselves up there, "for" said he, "they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee."

But listen at Nehemiah's answer: "Should such a man as I flee? And who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in." In explanation of this Nehemiah says, "Lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat hired him. Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me." (Neh. 6:10-13.)

I wonder who has hired certain against me. I suppose it is the same spirit that prompted Tobiah and Sanballat. They do not like to see the Church of God prospering like it is. They want to weaken our hands and intimidate us and try to get us to fear and doubt and thus cause

others to do the same, but no sir, we are as solid as a rock. This is not our work, it is God's work, and we have no cause for fear.

That woman who feigned herself a prophetess, and the men who tried to prophesy against Nehemiah could not weaken him. He was God's man, and God held him up. And God will hold His man up every time. They have been trying me for years in a similar manner, but like Nehemiah, I have made my prayer to my God and went on. Prayed similar to Nehemiah who said, "My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear."

But Nehemiah finished the wall. So God is going to finish His work. And by His help and wisdom He gives, we are going to finish the work He has chosen us to do. We are receiving many encouraging communications from many sources. But among these come the others. That is all right I do not object, but my whole soul is in the work of the great Church of God and nothing discourages nor makes me afraid. I fear God only. I nestle close to Him, and He wonderfully holds me up and gives me a boldness that I know is beyond the natural.

I am always glad to counsel with those upon whom I can depend, but I refuse to counsel with the Tobiahs and Sanballats. God can make me know the difference in people as well as He made Nehemiah know. What God can do for me on these lines He can do for you who are following this message. You need protection in these perilous times, and you may look out for the Tobiahs and Sanballats to try to "hire" you or in some way get you to doubt or draw back and compromise. But you must not do it. You must be bold for God and His Church. Stand for it as firmly as Gibraltar's rock. Stand as firm as Paul and Peter. We must not weaken and thus fall beneath what God has planned for us.

Doubt Paul, when he holds up so strong for the Church of God? No! Never! Doubt Jesus, who said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it?" A thousand times, No! We can say it because He said it and say it fearlessly. Hallelujah! God is giving wisdom, and knowledge as well as the other gifts. Some people are still looking for the gifts as if they have not yet been given, but where is one mentioned by Paul that has not been manifested?

Don't doubt God any longer by praying such a prayer. Why, just think of the wisdom God has showered down upon His humble followers; and knowledge, too, when many who can scarcely read and never went to school a day in their lives, have stood before large congregations and with shining faces spoken the Word of life as if they had taken a three years course in a university. Then look at the faith that has been displayed so marvelously at times by many. Instantaneous healings and many other miraculous things all by a manifestation of the gift of faith. Gifts of healing! What's the use to say no body has the gift

of healing, when thousands of cases have been instantly healed by the laying on of hands, or speaking the word, right before your eyes?

The miracles, too! Why look for something miraculous to come from some unknown corner, when you see displays of this gift right before your eyes? Handling fire with no harm! Healings where people have been helpless for years and suddenly leap right out of bed and well in a moment! Lame made to walk! Blind to see! Dead called back to life! Swellings or tumors melted away under your hands, goitres disappear before your eyes! Hallelujah! It is wonderful!

Hardly necessary to mention the other four—prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues and interpretations. These have all been displayed before our eyes, and are manifest more or less in all of our services.

Beloved, be not faithless, but believing. Do not be doubtful about this when God has already given the whole catalogue of gifts. He will do more if you will stop your doubting and go to acknowledging what He has already done and give Him praise and glory for it.

These gifts belong to the Church of God. Let them be manifested more and more. They are already here. They are now in the Church where they belong. Do not weaken them or get bound up yourself by doubting and begging the Lord for what we already have. If you have the Holy Ghost would you continue to ask God to give you the Holy Ghost? Of course not. But He may not manifest Himself every moment. But you do not say you do not have Him just because you do not talk in tongues all the time. By no means. You commence to honor Him and claim Him and say He abides and soon He will manifest Himself.

This analogy is just as true with the gifts. You may not see them displayed every moment, possibly not for several days or weeks, but they have been manifested and will be again if it is necessary, and you keep the doubts away. I'm sure many of you have seen all these gifts displayed. Then why not accept them as being in the Church and believe God for a display at any time when it will be to the best interests to the Church and a glory to Him?

The Church of God! I will talk about it more and more. I love it because it is built by my Savior. Hallelujah! It is a sacred institution. It will soon outshine all other institutions and governments. By honoring the Church we honor its divine Founder, Jesus and Paul named it and who has a right to object to it?

The battle will be fought to a finish and will soon be over. Then all who have stood true to the end will be glad I am sure.

Come on beloved, let us buckle on the armor a little tighter and rush into the good fight of faith and win the victory and obtain the prize. God will be with those that stick to Him. He delights to honor and support His faithful and obedient child. He will care for us all in this last great conflict. Hallelujah!

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We invite all the workers to send in reports of interest from the battle field. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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"This publication is maintained by and in the interest of the Church of God."

A certain prominent minister writes: "I am greatly enthused over the financial system, it is fine."

The Sunday school interest is growing rapidly. The growth this quarter has far exceeded our expectation.

People are ordering the gospel fans and preparing for the hot weather as well as to propagate the gospel of Jesus.

Sam C. Perry is no longer a member of the Council. He was evicted from his position in the Council session held May 14, 1919. This was done after much prayer, investigation, examination and persuasion. He refused to meet the requirements and make the required reparation. The charges were filed at the Council meeting held Oct. 22-29, 1918, and in the examination there was no yielding on his part so we did the only thing left for us to do. His ministry in the Church of God was also revoked under the same charges. He was also removed from his position as pastor at Tampa and Largo, Fla. We will also state that under these circumstances he will not be a contributor to the columns of the Evangel any longer.

On the night of May 16, the gospel car was rolled up in front of the Evangel office where quite a good number of people were assembled. After songs and prayers and a short discourse by the General Overseer the car was formally dedicated to God at 10:15. The electric lights made everything light and beautiful and the Lord let his blessings fall on the company, and the melting mellowing feeling that crept over the congregation indicated that the presence of the Lord was with us which led us to believe He was pleased. The clapping of hands, dancing by the power of the Lord, and tongues, as well as the music on the organ by little Laura Beard were all features to be enjoyed. This Gospel car has gone from here loaded with workers and Gospel literature. It will be used in Tennessee for a while, then in Kentucky, and about the first of August it is expected to strike Alabama where it will be used in a special campaign in that state for thirty or sixty days, then it will probably spend some time in Georgia, after which it will make its way to Florida. This is as far as plans are made. Pray for its success.

We owe to some of our readers a short explanation concerning

the paper last week. Our press broke down in the midst of the rush in preparing it, and by this mishap the face of some of the type was battered so it did not print. This left some white spots on the pages which made it difficult to read. We got it repaired, however, and were only about one day late. We are sorry of the delay and bad appearance of some of the papers, but of course accidents sometimes occur.

Some great meetings were held on the streets while the gospel car was in Cleveland. One night the meeting continued at the editor's home, after they returned from the street, until about midnight. One received the Holy Ghost and the saints had a wonderful time in the Lord. During the same time, across the street in the upper room in the Evangel office building, the presence of the Lord was wonderfully demonstrated while the elders were in council.

Remember HOME MISSION Sunday falls on Children's day, the second Sunday in June. Let us expect good collections in every Sunday school and church.

We are still sending out thousands of tracts, but we want to send out thousands more. We used to print them a thousand, and five thousand at a time, but now we have to print fifty thousand of a single tract, and we expect to make some of them one hundred thousand soon. Order a supply and help us sow the country down with Church of God literature.

It will soon be hot weather when people will want to use fans. Let us put fans in their hands covered with the gospel. You should order them by the hundreds. 35c per dozen and \$2.25 per hundred. You can circulate a few I'm sure. Order them for use in tent and camp meetings, and in the Sunday schools, too.

Notices.

I would like to hear from J. C. Underwood, E. C. Smith, Sister Sallie O. Lee, or any one who has a gospel tent and can come here to hold a meeting.

Hope to hear from someone at once.
 Your sister in Jesus,
 Bessie Peters.
 Cherrville, N. C.

I have moved from Ethelville, Ala., to Anniston. Anyone wishing to write me may address me at 715 Felix St., Anniston, Ala.

I will begin a meeting at West Frankfort, Ill., May 21, continuing ten days or longer.
 Tenderly,
 Z. D. Simpson.

Report

Rev. A. J. Tomlinson, and All the Readers of the Evangel—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

I thank God for blessing the band of saints at Woodbury, N. J. I was called there to pray for a woman who had been very ill with consumption about ten months. She hadn't been able to get out of the bed for thirty-one days. The Lord entirely healed her that night. She leaped and shouted and praised God.

Since that time the Lord sanctified fourteen and ten of them have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues.

On April 1st the Church of God was set in order with thirteen members.

We have built a new church at Woodbury, N. J. Brother A. L. D. Taylor and I ran a meeting at night and we built on the church in day time. We began the Church without any money. We raised \$20.27 the first collec-

tion. The building is so we can worship in it, but is not completed.

Two received the Holy Ghost during the meeting. Large crowds attended. Twenty-four followed the Lord in water baptism yesterday. Sunday school has been organized at Woodbury. We have a lively school in Philadelphia also.

Yours in His service,
 O. F. Bright.

Vina, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Bless God! I am glad I can drink from that fountain that never goes dry.

Jesus said He would establish a church without spot or wrinkle. I sure am glad that I have the light on the right church.

I praise God for His healing power and for the light on paying tithes. We can pay the tithes that belongs to Him for He could easily take all from us. If we seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness all these things will be added.

Please pray for me that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.
 Your weak sister in Christ,
 Lela Frost.

Hiawatha, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Dear Saints Everywhere:

Glory to Jesus, I feel the fire burning in my soul this morning.

Yesterday evening a dear brother called to see us. We were led by the spirit to sing The Lord worked so wonderfully with us until it was too late to attend night service. People began to come in and the power was so great that two were reclaimed and one saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. There was great rejoicing, dancing, and talking in tongues. Praise the Lord for His great power.

Please pray that the Lord will send a preacher to Giatto, W. Va., to set the church in order.
 Your sister in Christ Jesus,
 Nora Thorn.

Report.

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Bell, Fla. Brother A. M. Sapp had charge of the meeting. Several souls were saved, two sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and two were added to the church.

Satan was indeed on his job. The holiness fighters were almost as thick as bees around a gum but the Lord blessed us wonderfully in the battle. Bless His name forever! I have a stronger determination to stand true than ever before.

A sister under the blood,
 Belle Anderson

Report.

We are glad to report victory at St. Catherine. Have just closed a meeting here. God was in the meeting from the beginning.

Fifteen were added to the church and Sunday school was organized with sixty enrolled. The saints were edified and sinners enjoyed the meeting. They love the truth.

We shall go from here to Bushnell, Fla. Pray for us as we are entirely dependent on the Lord. The revival fire is burning in Fla.

R. P. Johnson and Wife,
 E. W. Williams and Wife.

Hayesville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I am healed and looking for the coming of Jesus.

I was converted about fifty

years ago, sanctified about thirty years ago, and afterwards baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. I have been a member of the Church of God ten years and I am preaching the Word in my humble way. I am seeking the deeper things of God. I'm leaving the first principles and going on to perfection. It seems that the power of the devil is coming like a flood and we must raise the standard against him. Well, Glory to God!

O. R. Curtis.

Lagrange, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am glad to report victory over the enemy this morning. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I became a member of the Church of God about three weeks ago. I praise God for my place in His church.

Since I joined the church, I was coming through my hall-way with a large vessel of hot water. My little boy ran against the vessel and knocked the water all over his neck and shoulders, taking the skin off in places. We obeyed James 5:14, and commanded the fire to come out in the name of Jesus. In twenty minutes, there was not a symptom of pain. God completely healed him for which we give Him all the glory.

Your brother under the blood,
 J. H. McCarson.

Overseers And Their Addresses

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18. W. Va. W. M. Romler, Cedar Grove, W. Va.
19. W. Indies, J. T. Hurley, Eckstein Village, St. Michael, Barbados, B. W. I.

Vandale, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I am glad to see how the Lord is blessing His children at this place. I have been here only a short time but the dear Lord has been with us in every effort. Several have been saved and sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. There are several seekers yet.

Brother Burk was with us Saturday and Sunday. He had the best of attention.

Your brother under the blood,
 E. M. Washand.

Chokoloskee, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been a member of the Catholic church and did all I could in that way over forty years. I have read "Thirty Years in Hell" and now I understand. I have been at a loss what to do. Thanks be to God, a dear little girl, Ida May Lopez, and her little brother came to pray with me and my dear children a few weeks ago. I am a member of the Church of God.

I don't know how to tell my love for what the Lord has done for me. I have seen more of His blessings in a short time than I did in forty years. I mean to do all I can to please Him. I was sick and He healed me.

I want the Holy Ghost and then I will be on the right way to glory. Please pray that the way may be open to me.

Truly yours,
 Robert E. Hamilton.

Notices.

I will have my tent in Nashville, Tenn., by May 24, ready to begin a meeting.

If any Church of God preachers, overseers, bishops, or evangelists come this way, we would like to have your help. Any workers are invited.

Carlis C. McGowan.
 Call at 1405 Arthur Ave.,
 North Nashville, Tenn.

A little girl fifteen years of age wants a home with a Church of God family. She has been saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She can use only one hand but is praying for the Lord to restore the use of the other hand. She can do light work. She is very much in need of a home.

Mrs. Emily Waris.
 Address May Bess Curtis,
 Rives, Tenn. R. 2.

To the Churches in Grenada District, Miss.

If there are any Church of God members or other people who desire meetings in the following counties, inform me: Bolivar, Carroll, Osahoma, Desota, Grenada, Lefor, Panola, Sundowner, Tallahatchie, Tinica, Tate, Quitman, Washington and Yalabusha.

Everybody who can do something for the Lord, get busy. There is plenty to do in visiting the sick, giving out papers, Church of God Evangel, tracts etc. You can hold prayer meetings and there is plenty of Sunday school work to do. Let us make this our best year.

The treasurer must not forget to send the state overseer plenty, he and his family must live. Before making your monthly report, read sections 5 and 6 on back of report. This can be sent directly to him or through the Evangel office.

Let us do all we possibly can. "Be thou faithful unto death." God bless everyone is my prayer.

P. F. Fritz,
 District Overseer,
 Cascilla, Miss.

Evadale, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Evangel Readers:

I want to praise God for the meeting which He gave us at this place. God wonderfully manifested Himself as I gave out the Word. Hungry hearts were eager to hear of the message of His coming.

God, through me, gave out the message on the ten horn beast and the image with two horns. (Rev. 12:3; 13:11.) It seemed that all understood. It was a Methodist Protestant Church but they were willing to lay down their discipline for the truth. His sheep know His voice and are following Him. (John 10:4.) Jesus says there are sheep which are not of this fold but He will bring them in. John 10:16. Jesus is the shepherd John 10:11. He is the door John 10:7. He is also the chief corner stone and His body is the church, Col. 1:24. The church is called The Church of God. Acts 20:28, 1 Cor. 11:22, 1 Tim. 3:5.

God's people need to come into the body of Christ and not be ashamed of the name. They should follow the government of God's Word. God's church will stand, for the gates of hell cannot shake it.

I have just come through Truman and preached two nights. The saints have just come

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through a great war with "New Light" and "Finished Work" doctrine but the storm has ceased and God's people are calm and still standing true.

I pray God's richest blessings on all the saints at Truman and on the ministers who have charge over the flock.

I ask all the children to pray for me and for all to live close to God as we see the signs of His coming. We should work while it is yet day.

Your brother in Jesus Christ,
 E. L. Pinkley.

Gardner, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers—Greetings:

About six years ago I saw my lost condition and went to the swamp to pray. A black mountain came before me. I could neither see over nor around it. I realized it was my sins. The Lord took them all away. Glory! When I was sanctified I saw a room of beautiful stars.

One time when I began to pray, I had a vision. I saw a ladder that reached from me to heaven. Angels would come and go, at times giving me something to eat. Soon one gave me a mouthful sweeter than honey. It ran to the sole of my feet. My tongue was gone excepting a little and it was talking in other tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

I saw a stone whiter than snow and on it were two small foot-prints. I tried to get on it but I was too large but as I prayed, I became small enough to get on the foot-prints. That stone was Christ. I have been in line ever since that day. I'm so glad I ever became a member of the dear old Church of God for it is the body of the Lord.

Dear saints, pray for us as we are few in number. I see greater things ahead. Glory to God!
 Your sister,
 Maud Pelham.

Prestonsburg, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints:

When I came here last year there wasn't a baptized saint here. We began our meetings and the Lord began to work. Several were healed, sanctified, many were saved, and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Since we came here this year, we rented a hall and started a holiness mission. The enemy got so stirred, we had to withdraw and go from house to house. But, bless God, the dear Lord is working. Souls are going through and getting the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A lady who has been sick a long time received the baptism last night. We are still holding on for the healing of her body.

I want all the dear saints who read this to pray for husband and me to stay humble and win souls for Jesus.

Your sister under the blood,
 Mrs. Ida Simmons.

WANTED—Some one to run the restaurant at Bethel Camp Meeting, beginning July 2, 1919.
 G. S. Scott, Jr.

TRUE HOLINESS

WILLIS M. GOULD.

I write with love and patience, hoping you will receive a blessing, even as I.

1. The question arises in these last days, Are we called unto holiness or unto righteousness? 2. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 1 Thes. 4:7.

3. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes. 5:23.

4. That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear.

5. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. Luke 1:74,75.

6. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:14.

7. Where should we stand in these last days? When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Matt. 24:15.

8-9. Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I swear to give unto your fathers, Save Caleb the son of Je-phunneh; he shall see it; and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the Lord. Deut. 1:35, 36.

10. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Ex. 15:11.

11. And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

12. And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like to the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. Ex. 39:30.

13-14. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD. Yea every pot in Jerusalem, and in Judah, shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts. Zec. 14:20, 21.

15. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Psa. 47:8.

16. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Psa. 48:1.

17. God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Psa. 60:6.

18. Once have I sworn by my holiness, that I will not lie unto David. Psa. 89:35.

19. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever. Psa. 93:5.

20. God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Psa. 108:7.

21. But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. Obadiah 17.

22. The Lord God hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks and your posterity with fishhooks. Amos 4:2.

23. We must be the sons of God by the spirit of holiness, And declare to be the Son of

God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: Rom. 1:4.

24. I speak after the manner of men, because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity, unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness, unto holiness. Rom. 6:19.

25-26. What kind of a way did Jesus set in order while here on earth?

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the way faring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there: but the redeemed shall walk there. Isa. 35:8, 9.

27. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7:1.

28. Israel was holiness unto the Lord; and the first fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord. Jer. 2:3.

29. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. 12:10, 14.

30. When Moses came to the mountain of God, even Horeb, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and when Moses said he would turn to see if the bush had burnt, God called him. Moses said, "Here am I." See Exodus 3:1-4.

31. And he (God) said, Draw not hither, put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Ex. 3:5.

32. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. Ex. 19:6.

33-34. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy. 1 Pet. 2:9, 10.

35. And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean. Lev. 10:10.

36. Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy. Lev. 19:2.

37. God makes us holy through sanctification. Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the Lord, which sanctify you, am holy. Lev. 21:8.

38. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. Lev. 20:7.

39. Are God's people holy or the devil's? And he spake unto Korah, and unto all his company, saying, Even tomorrow the Lord will show who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him. Num. 16:5.

40. We should marry in the faith only. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled them-

selves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass. Ezra 9:2.

41. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Isa. 6:3.

42. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. Psa. 22:3; 145:17.

43. Christ is HOLY. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35.

44. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. John 17:11.

45. For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. Rom. 11:16.

46. Salute one another with an holy kiss. Rom. 16:16. All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss. 1 Cor. 16:20. Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. 1 Pet. 5:14.

47. We must be holy. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Eph. 1:4.

48. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph. 5:27.

49. In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight Col. 1:22.

50. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy. 1 Pet. 1:15, 16.

51. The Bible is holy, so are the men who wrote it. Why can't we be holy? For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Pet. 1:21.

52. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth: and shutteth, and no man openeth. Rev. 3:7.

53. And ye shall be holy unto me; for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine. Lev. 20:26.

54. Why do people say we can't be holy? But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you. Acts 3:14.

55. How can we obtain this holiness? David was holy. I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Psa. 16:8-10.

56. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Rev. 4:8.

57. Who shall not fear thee O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. Rev. 15:4.

58. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Because it is written, Be ye holy: for I am holy. 1 Pet. 1:15, 16. The commandment is given, we must obey. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar; and the truth is not in him. 1 John 2:4.

59. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God. 1 Cor. 2:10. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26.

60. Our future dwelling place is holy, and all that dwell therein must be holy. The time will soon come when we will have no chance to change. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

We have been talking about holiness. Let us take Webster's word for its meaning: Holy, sacred, godly, pure, consecrated, pious. I trust that every one who reads this will decide to be holy and share the mansion which Jesus went to prepare.

May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all forever. Amen.

Point, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel family:

I praise God for victory over sin today. I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and talk in tongues (1 Cor. 14:2.) I thank Him for the Church of God which was purchased by His own blood. (Acts 20:28.)

Truly we have the Apostle Paul's brother for our overseer, Brother Scoggins of Lyra, Texas. He has just been here and gave out God's word in power which revived the church greatly.

Please pray for the people here as the pastors of other churches are fighting mightily against the church. Pray for the unsaved of my family.

Your sister in Christ,
Nora Hughes.

Atlanta, Ga.

My Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

May God bless you all. I am glad to say that I have victory in my soul this beautiful Sunday. It seems that God is better to me than ever while I am in prison. The great Spirit of God is here with me. He has promised to never leave nor forsake us.

God has been talking to me through His Word. I have been studying hard since I have been here and I am sure that He has a work for me to do. I am trying to do all I can here. I have the privilege of living the life before these people and can read and tell them about Jesus and His love. Some want to hear the truth.

I want to thank the people for their kindness to me in my deep humiliation. So many have written me such good encouraging letters, telling me that they were praying for me. I want to thank the Church at Parish, Fla., and Brother T. P. Douglas at Miami, Fla., for their contributions. May God bless you all. Some have sent some things to my children. If any of you want to write them, they are with my brother. Address Evelyn Murray, Garfield, Ga.

If any of you send anything to me, stamps or money orders can be used but checks are no good.

I will close by saying that I truly know the Spirit of God is with me. I don't think I will be here much longer. Pray to that end. Read 3 John 13, 14.

Your brother in Jesus,
J. W. Murray.

Atlanta, Ga. P. O. Box 1733.

How I found Jesus

DOLPHUS BUSHNELL.

When I first started to find my Lord I began to pray and study His Word.

Then He told me to give up all sin, And a new life to begin.

The world I hated to leave behind, I wanted to stay and have a good time; A little more pleasure-seeking to go, A few more wild seed I had to sow.

Old time conviction took hold of my heart, But I was afraid to make a start; The devil tried to get hold of my mind And make me believe there'd be a better time.

But I heard a small voice whispering in my heart, Saying, "Son, won't you now start? Or you will have to be turned away, 'Twill be too late then to pray."

He came with such tenderness and love, That I turned my face toward heaven above And said, "Lord God, I surrender all," And upon Him I began to call.

Satan said, "The people will scorn you, It's impossible for you to go through, Just be a moral boy," he would say, "And you'll be alright on the judgment day."

O, how he tried to get hold of me And blind me so I couldn't see: But Jesus took the darkness away, Like He did old Paul when he was converted that day.

I then reached the state of justification, How grand it was to gaze on the plan of salvation, My heart was then full of joy And I was a happy little boy.

Then I went by the way of Calvary Where the Savior hanged on the tree,

It was there I was sanctified, When to my heart the blood was applied.

O, listen! There is something yet, The next experience I'll never forget,

As Jesus said the Comforter did come, And when He came He talked in tongues.

Now instead of sinning all day, I can sing, shout, laugh and pray: For there's nothing grievous about serving the Lord,

If you get religion according to His Word.

I wouldn't give this for all the world, It's better than rubies, diamonds, or pearls;

It cost the brightest jewel in glory, That's why I love to tell the glad story.

Home Mission Receipts.

Church, Sobel, Tenn., \$ 1 10

" Raleigh, Fla., 1 65

" Sale Creek, Tenn., 2 30

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" Soddy, Tenn., 10 55

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" Spring Place, Ga., 3 08

" McMinnville, Tenn., 2 40

" Parish, Fla., 0 80

" Fitzgerald, Ga., 1 40

" Walhalla, S. C., 7 05

" Morgantown, Miss., 7 00

" Cleveland, Tenn., 15 48

" Largo, Fla., 3 15

" Morgantown, Miss., 1 20

" Bethel, Ga., 0 80

" Valdosta, Ga., 2 30

" Dahlonega, Ga., 1 72

" Lyra, Texas, 1 65

Mayme Woodward, Munfordville, Ky., 1 00

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" Parish, Fla., 0 80

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" Miami, Fla., 5 43

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Church, Woodbury, N. J., 1 25

S. S. Copperhill, Tenn., 0 60

Mt. Carmel, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints of the Church of God:

I wish to add my testimony to the Evangel for the glory of God. I am praising God for salvation in my soul that keeps me free from all sin. Praise His sweet name! I feel the presence of the Holy Ghost which abides so sweetly.

I praise God for sending Brother Leon Thornhill here to give out the true Word of God one year ago.

Brother Culpepper, state overseer, was with us last Saturday night. He set the church in order and baptized eighteen in water. The Lord wonderfully blessed.

Pray for us that we may get busy in the Lord's work. We expect to organize a Sunday school soon. Pray for success in our undertaking.

Only a babe in Christ,
John W. Wager.

Calhoun, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I praise God because I am still saved and I'm seeking the Holy Ghost. I praise God for the dear old Church of God. I love the church and its teachings.

Our little band at Calhoun is still having prayer meeting every Saturday and Sunday nights. Most of the saints are getting closer to God but some are in a cold condition. I want all the saints to pray for us at this place that we may hold up the standard of Jesus to a lost world.

Your brother in Christ,
W. S. Jorden.

Kilmichael, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I praise God for a greater determination to go forward with the Lord.

We have great meetings at Mount Olive and Freewill. Eight were sanctified and three of them received the Holy Ghost. They are coming into the church fast.

I thank God because I am a member and for the power He gave me to handle fire.

Please pray for me that I'll be shouting the victory when Jesus comes.

Your sister in Christ,
Pearl Rushing.

Meadville, Miss.

To all the Dear Readers of the Evangel—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Brother M. S. Haynes and wife have been with us two nights and set our church in order. They left Brother J. W. Thompson, an Evangelist of La., to help us for a few days.

He stayed with me until yesterday when he left for Gloster, Miss. I found him to be a great man for the grand old Church of God. We had good meetings and hard fightings. Paul said the copper-smith did him much harm so the copper-smith here did us much harm. A man claimed to get the baptism of the Holy Spirit, then got up and publicly denounced the Church of God and tried to hinder our work, but Praise God, it was only sifting time for him. He was left on the outside.

My band of about thirty and I are in the church to stay. I never saw a Church of God set in order until March, I saw the church set in order at Kentwood I heard the shouts of God's children. Their dear pastor, Brother M. S. Haynes told me about the wonderful church, its laws and ordinances, its discipline, its doctrine and government. How my heart burned within me as I listened. I praise God for the great Church of God.

Pray for me that I may do my part in the great church and in the evangelizing of the world and that I may be able to do some good.

Yours in Jesus,
J. C. Smith.

Manbar, W. Va.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I still praise God for this wonderful salvation and for the many blessings I received.

I am also feeling good because I had the privilege of preaching the three works of grace in a Methodist church.

Dear Christians, let us all get closer to God than ever before. As hundreds of Christian students in Korean schools refused to bow to the image of Mikado and for conscience sake suffered arrest and torture, it brings to my mind that the same thing will happen to us. In the name of Jesus, let us all stand as did the Hebrew children and be like St. John, so close to God that if they throw us in the burning oil that we won't burn. And may we be as St. Andrew, if they put us on the cross, let us preach till the last.

I am only fifteen years of age and the devil is trying his best to get me. I don't have a church to attend so I ask the saints to hold me up before God.

I would be delighted to hear from any young preacher, as I have none to talk with here.

Your brother in Christ,
R. T. R. G. Gonias

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Claxton, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are just beginning a meeting at Claxton. We have a large tent and everything seems favorable. This is a new field for our work, and I am sure it will take time, prayer and fasting, and much labor for us to get the victory. We are expecting Brother Lemons, Brother John Stephens and wife, and probably others to help in the work here.

We have just closed a wonderful meeting in many respects at Bridgeboro, Ga. We found the

church in a badly backslidden condition but the Lord gave us the victory, and all are now happy and rejoicing again. Six were baptized and two added to the church.

We preached at Doerun one night and have an open door there for a meeting. It seems to me it should fire every Holy Ghost filled person with zeal when we ride across six and eight counties with not a Church of God in them. It seems that every preacher should give up everything else and spend his life for the Lord, when there are cries from every source for the gospel.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
S. J. Heath and Wife.

Requests.

Mrs. Lecroy, Easley, Ala., requests prayer for the healing of her lungs.

Lula McGough of Tomnolen, Miss., requests prayer that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Oscar Landrem of Hague, Fla., requests prayer that he may have more power and freedom for God.

Miss. Della Thomas of North Chattanooga, Tenn., desires special prayer that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Belle Holley of Red Bay, Ala., desires prayer that her child may get the salvation that she has.

Mollie King of Lexington, N. C., requests the prayers of the saints that she and her husband may receive the Holy Ghost and that her son who is in France may be saved.

Mrs. Bertie Ivey of Smyrna, N. C., requests prayer that her husband and brother may be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. She feels that her brother is nearing his last opportunity to accept Christ.

Tennie Jones, Sweetwater, Tenn., requests prayer that she and her husband may be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Both have been saved but have backslidden. She also desires prayer that her husband may be healed.

E. D. Huddleston of Point, Texas, requests that the saints fast and pray the fourth Sunday in May that he may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. If Brother and Sister Broussier see this, pray earnestly. He also requests prayer for his family.

Mrs. Dora Simmons of Postelle, Tenn., desires the prayers of the saints that there might be an opening for some one to come into her community and give out the truth. She also requests prayer for the unsaved people there. Her husband is one of the number.

Camp Gordan, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God tonight for what He is to me. Praise Him forever! Thank God for making me a new man in Christ. Old things have passed away and all things become new. About three years ago the Lord saved me from my sins at a holiness camp meeting. A few months later at a Church of God meeting He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I had the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the spirit gave utterance, Acts 2. As many of you know it is joy unspeakable, Glory to God! I am in the army to night but I am still in the highway of Holiness and it just suits me. Praise God! I am determined to hold out to the end. Many boys say we can hardly live right here but I can tell them God's grace is sufficient anywhere. This is a cold place

and the power of Satan is strong. He has many here to pick at us, but God will with every temptation make a way for our escape.

I thank God that He has brought me into the light of the Church of God, of which I became a member last Sunday night. I have felt a great power of drawing love ever since I have been with the Church of God people. I mean to stand true to the great church, I want to be ready when Jesus calls me or comes after His church. Dear people, Dear people, pray that I may do God's will and fill my place in the body.

Your brother in Christ.

B. L. Dubose.

Notices.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:—

We have changed the date of our State Assembly from the 10th to the 27th of June. We will be in session June 27-29.

Your Brother,
W. M. Rumbler.

Mrs. E. E. Carroll of Whigham, Ga., would like for Brother Lemons, state overseer, to send some one to that place to begin a meeting as soon as possible.

A meeting will begin at Lamasco, Texas, Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in June, conducted by evangelist, E. C. Scarbrough, assisted by W. G. Webb.

We invite all of God's people to help us in the meeting and I ask the saints to pray and hold on to God for victory that many souls may get to God.

Your unworthy brother,
W. V. Henry.

Cleveland, Tenn.

To All the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

I praise the dear Lord because I can truly say that I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the spirit gives utterance. Glory to God! (Acts 2:4.) There are no words to express the joy and peace that abides in my soul, Hallelujah to God!

I praise Him because I am a member of the great Church of God. It is wonderful what the Lord will do for us when we give up the world and worldly pleasures.

I take this opportunity of thanking all the saints who have held me up in your prayers and I desire that you continue to hold me up before God that I may do just what He would have me to. Oh! I owe Him my life. I can never do enough for my Savior. Hallelujah!

My home is in Adamsville, Ala., but I have had the glorious privilege of working for God in the Evangel Office. As I desire all my friends to know what wonderful things the Lord has done for me I give my home address.

It is heavenly to be in the home of Brother Tomlinson, where the presence of the Lord is ever there. How I praise God for sending me to this place.

May the Lord help us all to walk in the light and not fight the body of Christ, the Church of God. Hallelujah!

Your unworthy sister in Christ,

Minnie E. Johnson.

Note of Thanks.

We wish to thank God and the people who have donated so liberally for an organ for the Church of God at Gardner, Fla. This is comparatively a new field but the instrument was paid for easily.

The instrument is to be deeded to the Church of God. I again thank one and all.

Your brother and friend,
L. A. Ford.

SIN IN THE FLESH

J. LEON THORNHILL

There are many strange doctrines afloat and preached by many, deceived and deceiving men that sin is located "in the flesh," and that one can be saved in the soul but "sin in the flesh;" sanctified in the heart—but "sinful in the body."

This doctrine is erroneous, and indeed is very dangerous, for the following reasons:

It is unscriptural and will lead the children of God to trust in man's views and misinterpretations, instead of in the infallible Word of God.

The fleshly bodies in which we live are mere material. They are the houses in which the Spirit lives, and can no more sin than the shoes we wear.

The sin question is a prominent one in the world today. The weapon of every Christian soldier of the cross should glitter against sin; the teaching of every ambassador of Jesus should be definite in regard to sin, what it is, and who commits it; because the mystery of iniquity doth already work and Satan is trying to make sin appear excusable.

The text, Sin in the flesh, is found in Rom. 8:13, but the word there translated "flesh" means as in many other places, "the carnal mind," which is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. So they that are in the "flesh" (carnal mind) cannot please God. For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

The "sin in the flesh" gospel is an unclean gospel. It simply concludes that the more flesh we have, the more sin we have. So the giant who is religious would have reason to wish he were a dwarf, would he not?

There is one kind of flesh of men, another of beasts, and another of fishes, and another of birds; but it is all flesh—mere material. Scientists love dissected human bodies but they have failed to find anything that looked like sin in the human flesh. Sin is not physical, but a spiritual disease, therefore, it must be located in the soul, even though it does affect the body. Read Rev. 18:20. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die"—not the body. The soul of man is the only creature on the earth that is capable of sinning.

You claim that your flesh sins. This is a doctrine of a heathen philosophy of olden times, called Gnosticism. It is almost out of date now in good society, thank God.

The Scriptures make one allusion to "sin in the flesh." (Rom. 8:3.) At the same time, the apostle Paul expresses the condemnation of heaven against it. "They that are in the flesh cannot please God." (Rom. 8:8.) But speaking to people who are mortal just as we, he says, "But you are not in the flesh." So you see flesh in the Bible sometimes means carnality or spiritual impurity. Listen again at the apostle Paul in his writing to the Corinthian saints, "Flee fornication, every sin that a man doeth is without the body: but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." (1 Cor. 6:18.) "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? (not with you, John 14:17.) If any man defile the temple of God himself shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

1 Cor. 3:16-17. You must sin not. God forbids it. If none can live without it, none can be saved. In reviewing the Scriptures on this subject, we begin at x. 20:20.

We are rich in references to divine authority, but will use only a few out of the many. The quotation referred to above is, "That his fear may be before

your faces that ye.

We pass on to Psalms 4:4.

in awe and sin not." Th.

Ghost commanded this. Do you believe God would tell us to do something we couldn't do? Never! Read these Scriptures: 1 Jno. 1:7; Rom. 6:11; John 5:14 and 8:11, 34; 1 Cor 15:34; Eph. 4:26; Jas. 2:10; 1 John 2:4; 1 Pet. 2:21, 22; 1 John 3:8; Isa. 26:3; Psalms 121:4; 2 Cor. 9:8, etc.

We must glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits which are God's, 1 Cor. 6:20. God is the Savior of the body as well as of the soul. Men deny this great salvation for soul and body. Deceived preachers, Satan's advocates of a sinning religion, deride it. But Paul and all the preachers of righteousness declare on the authority of God's Word that He will save from all sin in the flesh.

Please, let's all hear and heed God's Word. "The entrance of thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalms 119:130. Believe in holiness of spirit? Yes. Of body? Yes. Of soul? Yes. Preach it? Yes, yes, yes.

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